

At the Magistrate's day, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse concluded an inquiry into the death of a Chinaman whose body was found on the 18th inst., by a Chinese constable patrolling the road leading from Yuenai to Kowloon city. The body was found lying about thirty yards off the road opposite a small stone bridge between Tai Shek Kee Temple and the hill leading to Ma To Wai. The man's throat was cut, and from a large cut in the stomach the intestines were protruding. A verdict of wilful murder against a person or persons unknown was returned.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherland Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

On a/c of Hospital Sunday St. John's Cathedral \$187.57
St. Stephen's Church..... 22.51
Total..... \$210.08

Row W. Bantler..... 25
Hutchinson & Sons' Commodore..... 25
Man Fook Company..... 25
Ng Yuen Hing..... 10
Swee Koo Chan..... 10
To On Insurance and Godown Co., Ltd..... 10
Limited..... 10
Kwan Chow Hock..... 10
Total..... 10

The recent publication in our columns of the article entitled "The Back Door," has evidently had the effect of arousing the Military Authorities to unprecedented activity. We learn that a series of sham encounters, extending over a lengthy period, has been arranged to take place. The West Yorkshire Regiment has been doing some excellent route marching of late, which may be in preparation for the maneuvers. Whatever the object, this is a sort of display that ought to be encouraged, for there is nothing like a spectacular display of this description to impress the Chinese with the power of British arms, and the health of the soldiers is bound to benefit from the exercise. The forthcoming maneuvers are for the purpose of ascertaining the weak points of the Island, and it will be the duty of our gallant defenders to repulse all attacks upon the Colony.

An important point was raised in the Supreme Court, in Summary Jurisdiction, to-day, as to the privileges of an adjutant licence. The point arose in two cases by Thomas's Grillroom against G. Kirkpatrick for \$132.90 and R. G. Hopkins for \$14.56. In Ordinance 21 of 1889 an adjutant licence is described as a licence granted under that Ordinance to hotel-keepers, restaurateurs, or confectioners for the retail sale of intoxicating liquors as an adjunct to their respective businesses, without keeping a public bar. Mr. S. W. Tappan appeared on behalf of the proprietor of the Grillroom, and Mr. Bishop was also present. Hon. A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge, said plaintiff could not sue for liquors under quantities less than 52. An adjutant licence under the Ordinance did not include a public bar, and he was rather inclined to think Thomas's Grillrooms had a public bar. In reply to His Lordship, Mr. Bishop said all the drinks were not supplied with the food. His Lordship ordered a detailed list of the claims to be supplied, stating which was board and which was drinks supplied at the bar, and adjourned further hearing of the suits till next Friday.

An alarming statement is published in our morning contemporary, which if allowed to go uncorrected, will be apt to create wrong impressions in the mind of the public. The information is published on mere hearsay evidence that "an Inspector Wiltchell, who was serving a sentence of six months' imprisonment for receiving bribes from a gambling-house keeper, has gone out of his mind, and is now confined to a padded-cell." We have made inquiries into this report—the same cause was open to our morning contemporary—and we learn there is not the slightest truth in the statement. In a recent article, our contemporary read a lesson to an Hon. member on the methods to be adopted in his conduct with the officials, and it might be well if our contemporary took to heart—if it has any heart—the advice then tendered, and in its apparent conflict with the Government officials in regard to the Gambling Scandal played the game fairly and did not endeavour to get behind by such unworthy means the officials whose mouths are closed. In reality the officials have nothing to fear from publicity, but there are others for whom consideration might have been given before publishing such an absolutely false statement.

The Legislative Council will meet on Monday next, the 1st November, at 3 p.m.

1. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 8).
2. Sanitary By-laws.
3. Question.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.
1. Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to supply a sum of not exceeding Two Millions Three hundred and Forty-three thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Dollars to the Public Service of the Year 1898.

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4. Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Waterworks Ordinance, 1890.

5. Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Naturalization of U. Hoi Chai alias U. Chai Tain.

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The Emperor of Japan is said to be taking a personal interest in the pacification of Formosa. Several days ago he gave an audience to officials prior to their departure to Formosa.

On the 21st October, at Singapore, a Chinaman was fined fifty dollars, in default, two months' imprisonment, for offering \$120 to Sanitary Inspector Simon, in order that he might omit to do an official act.

A LARGE number of houses, occupied chiefly by the poorer classes of small shopkeepers, was destroyed by fire on the 19th Oct. at Nagasaki. The Japanese fire brigade were assisted in checking the conflagration by ninety blue-jackets from the French cruiser *Desclaire*, under the command of Capt. Bernard and Lieut. Pleck. Several British blue-jackets on shore also lent valuable assistance.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

LONDON, October 27.

OBITUARY.

The Duchess of Teck has died from exhaustion, following an operation for strangulated hernia.

THE EXCHANGE QUESTION.

The Times says that the only chance of securing a stable rate of exchange between England and India is to establish a common standard, which, under the circumstances, can only be the gold sovereign.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 29th at 11.30 a. The barometer has fallen on the China coast, and is little changed at Bolineo where pressure remains slightly low. Gradients are mostly slight. Forecast:—moderate or light N.E. winds; fair.

THE INTER-COLONIAL RIFLE MATCH.

SINGAPORE PRACTICES.

There will be a collective practice at Balestier on the 24th Oct., of those from whom the final selection of the Singapore team against Hongkong and Shanghai will be made. The following are invited to attend:—Mr. C. Warren, R.A., Lt. Col. Bury, R.A., Lt. Col. Harvey, R.E., Corp. Riggall, R.E., Col. Sergt. H.P. Morris, S.V.A., Gur. Phillips, S.V.A., Gur. Flanagan, S.V.A., Gur. Maw, S.V.A., Col. Pennefather, L.G.P., Sergt. Major Cruise, R.E.

The golf, with reserves, will be chosen after the practice, other previous shooting being taken into account.—*Singapore Free Press.*

New Music Catalogue now ready, gratis. Please send in for it. W. Robinson & Co.

Dr. Nightingale, medical officer to the Straits Settlements, has filed an action for libel in the British Consular Court there. The action is against the *Straits Observer*, damages being laid at \$10,000. The alleged libel affects the plaintiff's conduct as veterinary officer.—*Straits Times.*

The new regulations relating to the official organization of the Governor-General's Office, Formosa, were issued on the 21st Oct. The Governor-General is to be appointed from among Army officers of the rank of Field Marshal or Lieutenant-General, for which we had read \$200, a judge had been struck nine inches in width, and estimated to carry 2 oz. of gold to the ton. Concerning this acquisition we are informed by Mr. George's last letter, that "Mr. Cash thinks such a great deal of the Zulu Reef that we are going to sink a shaft there, for he predicts with confidence that it will turn out a great gold mine. I am so pleased with this purchase that I would have advised you to pay a great deal more for the lease had it been wanted."

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FOOTBALL.

SIX A-SIDE COMPETITION.

Yesterday, at the Happy Valley, the first of the six-a-side competition was played. Played upon at 4.40, Mr. Looker's team opposing Mr. Mackay's. The latter team were a man short, but their captain went off in a style that kept play down in his opponents' half for full five minutes.

There were several corners, and one swift low shot at goal, but the latter was saved. The "short" class arrived, but Mr. Looker's team had shaken into their places, and half-time found nothing scored.

Changing over the play became pretty even for a while, the wing players being busy in an evenly matched struggle. A smart series of exchanges between Looker and Mackay succeeded in beating the defence, and Looker scored. This woke up Mackay's team, and they made some excellent runs followed by capital shots. Noble having specially hard times. The game closed in Looker's favour on a 2-0. The teams were well matched and the game hard fought from start to finish.

Teams captained by Messrs Moberly and Wood followed. Moberly was unscathed, but his team was clearly the better from the outset in weight, speed, and experience. Play was somewhat wild, but the weaker team lost several good openings at Moberly's goal, the custodian handling the ball too much and a trifle slowly. The "short" man now arrived, and almost at once Moberly scored with a swift, low shot. Changing over Moberly's team pressed throughout, but only scored by an accidental slip on the part of Wood's custodian. The game ended 2-0 to Moberly.

The smaller sized goals and the narrow limits of the ground made goal scoring a high art and the play very fast. More practice of this kind should raise the Club's efficiency greatly.

GREAT EASTERN & CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

The first general meeting of the Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd., was held to-day at the office of the General Agents Messrs. Laidlaw, Kinnear and Co., 29 St. Andrew Street, Mr. R. C. Wilson, president. The others present were:—Messrs. G. C. Cox and G. Abner, (Directors); C. Schwenke, O. Von der Heyde, L. Lambotte, Th. W. Vogel, George, Ho, and G. George.

The Chairman said, "Gentlemen, as you are no doubt all aware, this meeting is merely the statutory meeting of the Company, held in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, under which it is registered. There is no business before the meeting, and I have little information to impart, as we have done our best to keep you posted, through the Press, concerning all developments at the Mines. I may, however, interest you to know what our acquisition at Mount Moreshead has been since the registration of the Company. Originally our property consisted of the Great Eastern mine, containing nine acres, and the Caledonian, consisting of twelve acres, or, in all, 21 acres. We have since acquired, in further 23 acres surrounding which, and which we have since acquired, which will enable us to control the water supply from the creek, and others (including the Zulu mine) promise to yield us handsome returns. All this land has been secured on most favourable terms, the greater part indeed for the mere cost of pegging and the license fee, 200 feet, which we have paid \$200, a ledge has been already struck nine inches in width, and estimated to carry 2 oz. of gold to the ton. Concerning this acquisition we are informed by Mr. George's last letter, that "Mr. Cash thinks such a great deal of the Zulu Reef that we are going to sink a shaft there, for he predicts with confidence that it will turn out a great gold mine. I am so pleased with this purchase that I would have advised you to pay a great deal more for the lease had it been wanted."

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THE JAPANESE AT WENCHOW.

Wenchow is but rarely honoured by a visit from a gunboat, so we felt quite excited when on Sunday, Oct. 19, one steamed into port, and we welcomed it gladly even though it turned out to be only a Japanese. The last gunboat to come here was the U.S.S. *Mackinac*, more familiarly known as the "Matchbox," and that was a whole year ago!

The *Mackinac* is quite a small ship of war. For gun, however, can make a very big noise as we soon found out, for on passing the forts at the entrance to Wenchow the Japanese fired a salute in honour of the Japanese and the latter returned it. It seems strange to us, who were in Formosa only a few days, to find that the Japanese are even ready to give a warm welcome to their conquerors! So placed were the officials of this city by sea that they actually gave a feast to the Captain and a five-course (which was also on board) on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

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Ray,	"	60	—	琵琶沙
Rock Fish,	"	90	80	石狗公
Roach,	"	—	—	鱖
Salmon, (Canton),	"	250	—	馬友魚
Shark,	"	50	—	鯊
Salt Fish,	"	100	—	鹹魚
Skate,	"	50	—	鰻
Shrimps,	"	140	—	蝦
Snapper,	"	180	—	魚
Soles,	"	130	—	立沙魚
Tench,	"	—	—	脆
Turbot,	"	120	—	左魚
Turtles, small, fresh water,	"	350	—	短
Whiting,	catty	70	—	長
White Bait,	"	90	—	短仔
Fruits.				菓子
Apples, (California),	catty	200	—	金山平菓
" (Tientsin),	"	—	—	天津平菓
" (Japan),	"	—	—	日本平菓
Bananas, fragrant,	"	30	—	智香蕉
" (brides),	"	40	—	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese,	"	160	—	香栗
Carambola,	"	150	—	楊
Cocoanuts,	each	63	—	桃
Ground Nuts,	catty	90	—	花生
Grapes,	"	250	—	鮮提子
Lemons, China,	"	60	—	檸檬
" Peel,	"	—	—	檸檬
Liches, Dried,	"	400	—	鮮荔枝
" Fresh,	"	—	—	荔枝
Limes,	"	—	—	荔枝
Mango, (Saigon),	each	—	—	多南芒果
" (Manila),	"	—	—	多南芒果
Mangroves,	dozen	—	—	多南芒果
Oranges, Sweet,	catty	60	—	多南芒果
" Green,	"	50	—	青橙
" Red,	"	50	—	紅橙
Quince,	"	100	—	白橘
Perseimons,	"	50	—	柿
Pine-apples,	each	—	—	鳳梨
Pears,	catty	—	—	梨
" (Toulain),	"	150	—	大梨
Plum, Red,	"	—	—	紅李
Pumelo,	each	80	—	紅
" (Siam),	catty	100	—	紅
Raisins, Muscatel,	"	—	—	葡萄乾
" Pudding,	"	—	—	葡萄乾
Water Chestnuts, com.	"	46	—	水
" Mandarin,	"	60	—	桔

Vegetables, &c.		蔬菜	
Artichokes, Shanghai, . . . catty	100, —	上海丁	菜
Beans, (French), . . . "	120 —	洋豆	菜
" Long, . . . "	100 —	豇豆	菜
Beet Root, . . . each	20 —	甜菜根	菜
Brijnjal, Green, . . . catty	30 —	青茄子	菜
" Red, . . . "	30 —	紅茄子	菜
Brassica, . . . "	30 —	花椰菜	菜
Bamboo Shoots, . . . "	90 —	竹筍	菜
Cabbage, Chinese chiu, . . . "	80 —	中國菜	菜
Cabbage, . . . each	130 —	洋菜	菜
Cauliflower, . . . "	—	花椰菜	菜
Carrots, . . . catty	60 —	金仔	菜
Celery, Chinese, . . . "	100 —	藤菜	菜
" English, . . . "	—	洋芹菜	菜
Chilies Dried, . . . "	130 —	辣椒	菜
" Red, . . . "	90 —	紅辣椒	菜
Curry Stuff, English, . . . "	50 —	咖喱	菜
Cucumbers, . . . "	50 —	黃瓜	菜
Bitter Squash, . . . "	50 —	苦瓜	菜

Garlic,	"	00	—	蔥
Ginger, young,	"	60	—	薑
Horse Radish, S'hai,	"	120	—	蔴
Indian Corn,	piece	—	—	玉米
Lettuce, (English),	cach	10	—	生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh,	catty	—	—	蘑菇
Onions, Bombay,	"	70	—	洋蔥
Green,	"	30	—	青蔥
Shanghai,	"	—	—	上海蔥
Japan,	"	60	—	日本蔥
O'kros,	"	70	—	毛茛
Parsley, English,	bundle	10	—	洋蔥葉
Potatoes, Sweet,	catty	30	—	番薯
Shanghai,	"	60	—	上海番薯
Japan,	"	80	—	日本番薯
American,	"	—	—	美國番薯
Poochow,	"	—	—	浦口番薯
Macao,	"	—	—	澳門番薯
Pumpkin,	"	20	—	南瓜
Paralima,	"	6	4	菜
Papaw,	"	25	20	木瓜
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Shallots,	catty	70	—	蒜頭
Spinage, (Chinese)	"	—	—	菠菜
Spinach,	"	30	—	菠菜
Snapke Guard,	"	40	—	瓜
Tomatoes,	"	70	—	番茄
Taro,	"	10	10	芋頭
Turnip, Fand, (Long),	"	80	—	長白根
Vegetable Marrow,	"	60	—	佛手瓜
(Long),	"	—	—	黃瓜
Water Cress,	"	100	—	豆瓣菜

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